

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1129 – SB 1266**

March 13, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes teachers and administrators to use, read, or post excerpts from the United States Constitution in a public school classroom, building, or during an event. Requires each student to be taught the foundational instruments, mechanisms, and values of American government. Requires a course of such instruction to be taught in all public schools. Sets forth requirements for such courses that shall be used. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to report to the Commissioner of Education their compliance with the content of courses as set forth in this bill. Copies of their reports shall be retained in each school for access by parents and the public.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013917):** Requires the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) to audit the funding, both private and public, for the implementation of Common Core state standards and all components of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Requires COT to audit the funding received by the state from the federal government under Race to the Top. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) and the state Board of Education (SBE) to collaborate and cooperate with COT and assist in the audits. Requires COT to report to the Education Committees of the House and Senate by July 1, 2015.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$3,200/One-Time  
\$100,000/Recurring**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to DOE and SBE, the provisions of the bill will not fiscally impact the department or agency.
- According to information provided by COT, the Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) will require the addition of two Associate Legislative Research Analyst 1 positions.

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- Two Associate Legislative Research Analyst 1 positions will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$100,000 (\$50,000 salary and benefits x 2 positions), and a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$3,200 (office equipment and computer system for each position).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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